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AUSTRIAN TROOPS DELIVER AN ATTACK ON ITALIAN FRONT OF NEARLY 100 MILES

In the Initial Struggle the Austrians Succeeded in Capturing Several Positions From the British

POSITIONS RECOVERED IN COUNTER-ATTACKS

The Allied Troops Are Holding the Enemy and Are Endeavoring to Throw Back the Invaders Across the River Piave—Vienna Claims the Capture of 10,000 Italian, English and French Soldiers—The Italians Have Taken More Than 3,000 Prisoners—The Fighting in France Has Subsided Almost to Sub-Normal—Forces of American Troops Now Are Occupying Sectors in Alsace—In Macedonia the Bulgarian Troops Have Failed in an Attempt to Penetrate the Allied Lines.

The Italian and allied armies are bravely sustaining the weight of the Austrian forces which are attacking along the front of the Italian theatre from the northwest of the Asiago plateau eastward to the Piave river, and thence along that stream to where it joins the headwaters of the Adriatic sea, a front of nearly 100 miles.

Having made extensive preparations for the drive by bringing up strong reinforcements in men and guns, many of them brought from the former battle line in the east, the enemy is using them without stint in order to debauch from the mountain passes and cross the Piave river and gain the Venetian plains.

Everywhere the fighting is of an extremely sanguinary character, especially east of the Asiago plateau, in the Frenta valley and on Monte Grappa. In the initial struggle the enemy succeeded in capturing several front line positions in the mountain regions from the British and also in crossing the Piave. Counter-attacks, however, have restored all the positions in the mountains, including the Asiago plateau, to the British.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Earthquake in British West Indies. St. Vincent, British West Indies, June 16.—A severe and protracted earthquake shock was felt here Saturday morning.

American Officials in Rome. Rome, June 16.—Colonel Parsons and other American officials who arrived in Rome with ambulances for the American army were presented by Ambassador Page to General Giuseppe Sapelli, minister of war. The minister congratulated the Americans on their arrival, which he said was timely owing to the commencement of the Austrian offensive.

TRIPLE EXECUTION THIS MORNING AT WETHERSFIELD. Murders of Morris Goldstein, a Tailor, in West Haven.

Hartford, Conn., June 17.—Carmine Lanzillo, Carmine Pisanello, both of New Haven, and Francesco Duseo of West Haven, were hanged in the state prison at Wethersfield early today for the murder of Morris Goldstein, a tailor, in West Haven on the night of November 27, 1914. This was the first triple execution in the state.

The first man was led into the death chamber at 12:05:35 a. m. and the second man was pronounced dead at 12:45:40.

They were executed in the order named. The first man, for whose murder the three men paid their lives, was waylaid and killed as the result of a plot formed by the three men executed and two others, both of whom were hanged before the three men were hanged.

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Federal authorities here said today they knew nothing of O'Leary's whereabouts until publication of the arrest. The entire matter, they said, had been carried on without their knowledge.

AIMS OF GOVERNMENT RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION. Outlined in Statement Made Public by Director General McAdoo.

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WERE NORWEGIAN SHIPS

The Sailing Ship Kringsjaa and the Bark Samoa, Both Norwegian, Were Destroyed by Shellfire, Ninety Miles Off Virginia Coast.

Washington, June 16.—German sea wolves have sunk two more neutral vessels in American waters. The latest victims of the raiders which first made their appearance off the Atlantic coast some three weeks ago are the sailing ship Kringsjaa and the bark Samoa, both Norwegian. The crew of the former has been picked up by an American warship which is bringing them to an Atlantic port, and that of the latter was landed tonight at Norfolk.

Both vessels were sent down 90 miles off the Virginia coast. The Samoa was sunk by shellfire at 8 o'clock Friday morning, the navy department announced today, but the time and manner of the sinking of the Kringsjaa had not been reported to the department late tonight.

An announcement concerning the Kringsjaa said: "A United States man-o-war has picked up all of the survivors of the bark Kringsjaa, which sunk about 90 miles off the Virginia coast. They are being brought to an Atlantic port."

Although the report to the department might indicate that some of the crew of the Kringsjaa had been killed officials believed that as they had done aboard the sailing ship to take to the boats before sinking the vessel.

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Condensed Telegrams

Beginning today shoe cards will be issued in Germany.

A weekly review will be published by the War Department.

Cotton consumption for May was 259 bales against 615,112 bales last year.

The police raided a workmen's club in York street, Dublin and arrested 30 for drilling.

Baron Rhonda is highly praised by the British press for his services as food controller.

In reprisal for the shelling of lifeboats of a sinking ship, Dutch fishermen aviators in Holland.

A rush to volunteer for the Fire Department Auxiliary in New York brought enrollment to 1,000.

Differences between the steamship companies and the port laborers caused suspension of work in Callao, Peru.

International difficulties have arisen over the drafting of unwilling neutrals, several of whom have been killed in action.

The Insular Fuel Commission has taken control of all gasoline in Porto Rico and has fixed the maximum price at 35 cents a gallon.

Secretary McAdoo will remain away from Washington all summer, transacting government business by wire from Sulphur Springs.

The commission of 21 Mexican newspaper editors who have been in New York for several days, left New York yesterday for Boston.

The annual baccalaureate sermon by President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard College, was delivered in Appleton Chapel yesterday.

A rehearing of the United Shoe Machinery case was asked of the Supreme Court by Solicitor-General Davis of the Department of Justice.

The New York Central obtained a judgment of \$81,000 in its claim of \$250,000 for the department of the Erie Railroad for the Barge Canal.

Joseph R. Taylor of the Grand Rapids Press elected president of the International Circulation Managers' Association at Washington.

Gen. Guillaumont former commander of the French forces at Salonika, was appointed commander of the armies of Paris and military governor.

Nearly 100 French "blue devils," who have been guests of the city of Boston, are in the sale of war savings stamps, left Boston for Canada.

Austria is offering \$5 per execution to anyone who carry out the sentences, and failing to get volunteers, threatens to conscript executioners.

Two hundred million dollars has been spent in Cuba by Germany for propaganda or in investments according to a U. S. Army officer just returned.

Three thousand bales of German Government-owned cotton was auctioned on the New York Exchange, bringing 28.75 to 32.12 cents a pound.

Wage increases, dating from last Monday, were announced today by the Woodcock Rubber Company for 1,500 operatives here and 800 at Millville, R. I.

Herman Jungbluth, a German was arrested in Atlantic City under the Espionage act. Drawings of munition plants were said to be in his possession.

The Department of Justice appointed Rufus W. Sprague, Jr., of New York to take immediate charge of carrying out enemy regulations at the Port of New York.

Capt. Pierson and Lieut. Rousseau, French aviators, flying from France to England, were killed when their airplane turned over 200 yards from the landing station.

The War Department asked the Mayor of Newark, N. J., to round up stray dogs and cats and have them destroyed, they may be used in experimenting with a new gas.

Miss Rebecca Chase of Bristol, R. I., was commissioned as a pilot and assistant engineer of the ferry and mail "Harvest" plying between Bristol and Prudence Island.

Two hundred small factories were forced to close in Chicago during the week because of the withholding of steel from factories not engaged in Government work.

Four women were fined from \$50 to \$100 each for talking in German over the telephone in violation of Gov. Harding's proclamation in Davenport, Iowa. The money went to the Red Cross.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES NOW TOTAL 8,085

770 Were Reported Among the Expeditionary Forces

During the Week Ending June 16

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 3,192

The Wounded Total 4,547—346 Are Missing in Action, Including All the Men Held Prisoners in Germany—With More Than 800,000 Soldiers Sent Overseas Only 291 Were Lost Through Operations of German Submarines—The Comparatively Small Number of Men Dying From Wounds Indicates the Efficiency of the Ambulance and Hospital Systems.

Washington, June 16.—Seven hundred and seventy casualties reported among the American expeditionary forces during the week ending today brought the total since American troops first landed in France nearly a year ago to 8,085.

The second weekly summary of casualties issued today by the war department, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes is 3,192, while 4,547 men have been wounded in action and 346 are missing in action, including all men held prisoners in Germany.

The summary, which includes today's list, follows:

Killed in action (including 291 at sea) 1,172.
Died of wounds 254.
Died of disease 1,234.
Died of accident and other causes 422.

Wounded in action (including prisoners) 346.
Missing in action (including prisoners) 346.

President Hadley Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon. Points Out Lessons We Have Been Taught by the War.

New Haven, Conn., June 16.—America has risen to the defense of Christian ideals, President Arthur T. Hadley said in his baccalaureate sermon today to the senior classes of the university. "We have been taught," he said, "to believe in the Christian virtues of sympathy and courtesy and truthfulness. A great nation, which we have hitherto respected, claims the right to ignore such obligations in time of war, and to build up other standards of character and achievement which must result to a consideration of the Christian ideal."

The baccalaureate service marked the formal opening of Yale's commencement ceremonies. Tonight the annual meeting of Yale in China was held, with addresses by Rev. R. W. Brownell, dean of the college at Chung Shing, Chang Bolling of Tien Tsin, and Dwight H. Day, treasurer of the Presbyterian mission board.

Dean Gage reviewed the situation in China, referred to chaotic conditions resulting from the war, and urged that steps be taken by America to offset the campaign for the spread of German culture and influence throughout the world.

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